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HOUSE BILL 60

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009

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AN ACT

RELATING TO VETERANS' SERVICES; AMENDING THE VETERANS' SERVICES
DEPARTMENT ACT TO PROVIDE FOR MILITARY HONORS AT THE FUNERALS
OF RESIDENT VETERANS; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 9-22-7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2004,
Chapter 19, Section 7) is amended to read:

"9-22-7. DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBILITIES.--The department is
responsible for:

A. assisting veterans, their surviving spouses and
their children in the preparation, presentation and prosecution
of claims against the United States arising by reason of
military or naval service;

B. assisting veterans, their surviving spouses and
their children in establishing the rights and the procurement

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1 of benefits that have accrued or may accrue to them pursuant to
2 state law;

3 C. disseminating information regarding laws
4 beneficial to veterans, their surviving spouses and their
5 children; [~~and~~]

6 D. cooperating with agencies of the United States
7 that are or may be established for the beneficial interest of
8 veterans, to which end the department may enter into agreements
9 or contracts with the United States for the purpose of
10 protecting or procuring rights or benefits for veterans; and

11 E. establishing and implementing, in cooperation
12 with the New Mexico national guard and local units of veterans
13 organizations, and promulgating rules for a program to provide
14 military honors at the funerals of resident veterans. The
15 department shall reimburse local veterans organizations in an
16 amount not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100) for expenses
17 related to military honors provided at each funeral pursuant to
18 this section."

19 Section 2. APPROPRIATION.--One hundred thousand dollars
20 (\$100,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
21 veterans' services department for expenditure in fiscal year
22 2010 to establish and implement a program to provide military
23 honors at the funerals of resident veterans. Any unexpended or
24 unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2010
25 shall revert to the general fund.

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